## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

- 1. (Canceled)
- 2. (Currently Amended) The isolated nucleic molecule of claim 1, wherein said

  An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide is having SEQ ID NO: 47

  and functional variants thereof or a functional variant thereof having at least 95%

  identity to SEQ ID NO: 47, wherein said polynucleotide and functional variant thereof

  confer vascular-preferred polynucleotide transcription.
  - 3. (Canceled)
- 4. (Currently Amended) An isolated polynucleotide having a sequence selected from
  - (a) sequences complementary to any of the sequences in claim 2; and
- (b) sequences that are reverse complements to any of the sequences in claim 2, wherein said sequence is at least 30 nucleotides in length and confers vascular-preferred polynucleotide transcription.
- 5. (Previously Presented) The isolated nucleic molecule of claim 2, wherein said polynucleotide confers xylem-preferred gene expression in a plant cell.
- 6. (Previously Presented) The isolated nucleic molecule of claim 2, wherein said polynucleotide is capable of upregulating or downregulating the expression of an operably-linked gene in a plant cell.
  - 7-20. (Canceled)